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SUBJECT: TORRIJOS TO CALL FOR MASS RALLY TONIGHT

1. SECRETARY GENERAL DEAN BUTCHER OF PANAMANIAN DEMOCRATIC LABOR CONFEDERATION CTRP TOLD LABOFF AT 1430 TODAY THAT HE AND HIS COUNTER-PART HEADS OF MAJOR DOMESTIC LABOR ORGANIZATIONS HAD ALL JUST RECEIVED FORMAL NOTICE FROM GOP, CONVEYED BY PHONE CALLS FROM VICE-MINISTER OF LABOR, THAT THEY SHOULD ALERT THEIR MEMBERSHIPS AND REMAIN IN THEIR OFFICES THIS AFTERNOON UNTIL THE SENATE VOTE ON THE CANAL TREATIES.

2. VICE-MINISTER SAID THAT TORRIJOS WOULD ADDRESS THE NATION VIA A SPECIAL NATIONAL NETWORK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SENATE VOTE. DURING HIS ADDRESS, BUTCHER SAID, TORRIJOS WOULD CALL ON THE PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM AT ONCE AT FIFTH OF MAY PLAZA IN PANAMA CITY. VICE-MINISTER SAID GOP EXPECTED ALL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS TO TURN OUT IN FORCE.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, GOP SPOKESMAN AND TORRIJOS ADVISER  
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ROMULO ESCOBAR, IN A BRIEF RADIO STATEMENT AT MIDDAY, MADE A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TORRIJOS WOULD ADDRESS THE NATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SENATE VOTE (ALTHOUGH MAKING NO MENTION OF GOING TO FIFTH OF MAY PLAZA THEREAFTER), AND ASKED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN IN THEIR OFFICES UNTIL THAT TIME. (FBIS/ PANAMA PA 181552Y). ANOTHER RADIO STATION SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE PRESIDENCY HAD DENIED

THAT THERE WAS ANY CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICE HOURS FOR TODAY  
(FBIS/PANAMA PA151624Y). BUTCHER SAID VICE-MINISTER OF LABOR  
TOLD HIM THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAD IN FACT BEEN DIRECTED TO  
REMAIN IN THEIR OFFICES UNTIL AFTER TORRIJOS' ADDRESS.  
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